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AMEMBASSY AMMAN JORDAN

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JOINT STATE/USIS MESSAGE

E. O. 11652 :N/A

TAGS :SCUL, OEXC, BA, JO

SUBJECT :SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE-REQUEST FOR LIAISON

1. HEIR APPARENT/MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHAIKH HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA HAS FORMED A COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING, IN BAHRAIN, A ROYAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH, SIMILAR, WE ARE TOLD D, TO THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF JORDAN. HE HAS ASKED DR. ABDULLATIFF KANOO, THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND PRESIDENT OF THE BAHRAIN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A "LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP" WITH AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN THIS REGARD.

2. KANOO, HIMSELF A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPLY HIM WITH THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXCHANGE RELATIONSHIP. AS A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, KANOO WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO VISIT BAHRAIN TO EXPLORE WITH THE COMMITTEE, THE DETAILS OF SHAIKH HAMAD'S IDEA, TO HELP WRITE UP A PROPOSAL FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND WHO CAN HOLD OUT SOME HOPE THAT HIS INSTITUTION WOULD LIKE A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BAHRAINI ACADEMY, ONCE IT IS ESTABLISHED.

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3. FOR AMMAN: WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE IF YOU COULD SUPPLY US WITH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ROYAL ACADEMY, NOTE ITS ANNUAL BUDGET IF THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AND WHICH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES, IF ANY, HAVE RELATIONS WITH IT.

4. FOR STATE/USIA: KANOO IS LEAVING BAHRAIN AU. 15 ON HOLIDAY AND HAS ASKED THAT WE SUPPLY HIM WITH SOME NAMES, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE THAT DATE. WHATEVER YOU CAN DO IN THE SHORT TIMEFRAME WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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